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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON ALASKA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS GROUP, INC. PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF CALL SIGNALING RULES

CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90;
WT Docket No. 10-208

COMMENTS: April 23, 2012

REPLY COMMENTS: May 8, 2012

On March 16, 2012, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (ACS) filed a petition¹ seeking a limited waiver of the call signaling rules adopted by the Commission in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.² Specifically, ACS requests a limited waiver “for the SS7 Charge Number requirement, the MF Signaling Automatic Numbering Identification requirement, and the VoIP signaling requirements.”³ ACS maintains that its “SS7 switches and MF signaling trunks are not capable of generating or passing the information required by the new ‘phantom traffic’ rules in all cases”⁴ and that “the costs of compliance would outweigh the potential benefits.”⁵ ACS asserts that “[g]rant of a waiver in this instance is warranted for good cause...and is consistent with the public interest.”⁶

Interested parties may file **comments on or before April 23, 2012**, and **reply comments on or before May 8, 2012**. All pleadings are to reference **CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208**. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).⁷ Two courtesy copies must be delivered to Belinda Nixon, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A221, Washington, DC 20554, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

¹ See Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Petition for Limited Waiver, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135, 10-90; WT Docket No. 10-208, at 1 (filed Mar. 16, 2012) (Petition).

² See *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, Appendix A, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1601(a)(1) & (2) (rel. Nov. 18, 2011), *pets. for review pending*, *Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC*, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 18, 2011) (and consolidated cases) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*).

³ See Petition at 7.

⁴ *Id.* at 4.

⁵ *Id.* at 6.

⁶ *Id.* at 3.

⁷ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the ACS Petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁹ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.¹⁰

For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Belinda Nixon, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1520, or via e-mail at belinda.nixon@fcc.gov.

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⁸ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206.

⁹ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

¹⁰ See *id.*